

REMARKS

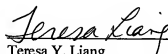
Claims 34, 42-43, 48-53, 58 and 68-82 were pending and allowed. Applicants have canceled claims 71-82 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter contained therein. Applicants maintain that the cancellation of a claim makes no admission as to its patentability and reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claim in this or any other patent application.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an action to that effect. If any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below in order to resolve such issues promptly. It is believed that there are no fees due. However, if required, please charge any fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0252.

Respectfully submitted,

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